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SUBJECT: MRS. PERON ANNOUNCES NEW SUPERIOR COUNCIL FOR PERONIST
MOVEMENT

1. DURING A MEETING WITH THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE PERONIST PARTY ON SEPT 5, MRS. PERON A) ASKED LORENZO MIGUEL TO WITHDRAW HIS REQUEST FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND B) ANNOUNCED HER CHOICES FOR THOSE TO COMPOSE THE NEW SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF THE PERONIST MOVEMENT (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE PERONIST PARTY). THE NEW COUNCIL NOW COMPRISES: LABOR, LORENZO MIGUEL AND CASILDO HERRERAS; POLITICAL, ANGEL ROBLEDO AND ELOY CAMUS, WOMEN'S WING, ESTER FADUL DE SOBRINO AND LILY DE LA VEGA. FOLLOWING MEETING, MIGUEL ANNOUNCED HE HAD POSTPONED HIS TRIP IN COMPLIANCE WITH MRS. PERON'S WISHES.

2. COMMENT: UNLIKE THE PERONIST PARTY, WHICH MUST CONFORM TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT SET FORTH IN THE ORGANIC LAW FOR POLITICAL PARTIES, THE MOVEMENT IS AN AMORPHOUS ORGANIZATION WHICH, ACCORDING TO PERONIST THEORY, HAS A SCOPE BROADER THAN THE PARTY AND OBJECTIVES OTHER THAN PURELY POLITICAL. MRS. PERON IS THEREFORE TECHNICALLY WITHIN HER RIGHTS IN SIMPLY APPOINTING A NEW COUNCIL. HER ACT IN DOING SO NONETHELESS HAS FURTHER ENRAGED THE ANTIVERTICALISTS FACTION WITHIN PARTY. SEVERAL
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ANTIVERTICALISTA SOURCES HAVE COMMENTED TO EMBOFFS THAT THE

COUNCIL CHOSEN BY MRS. PERON IS CLEARLY ONE WHICH SHE HOPES WILL SERVE HER INTERESTS RATHER THAN THOSE OF THE MOVEMENT. THEY POINTED ESPECIALLY TO THE FACT THAT LORENZO MIGUEL WAS INCLUDED ON THE COUNCIL AS PROOF OF HER STUBBORN INSISTENCE ON "TRYING TO PRESERVE POLITICAL CORPSES." THIS MAY EXAGGERATE THE DEGREE TO WHICH MIGUEL'S POSITION HAS DETERIORATED, BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT MRS. PERON APPOINTED HIM TO THE COUNCIL IN AN EFFORT TO BOLSTER HIM.

3. IN SUM, THE NEW SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF THE MOVEMENT IS NOT LIKELY TO PLAY A KEY ROLE. INDEED FEW BELIEVE THAT ITS TENURE WILL BE A LENGTHY ONE.
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